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Application Number	09/788,179
Filing Date	February 16, 2001
Examiner Name	Brian Q. Le
First Named Inventor	Timothy P. Meier
Art Unit	2623
Attorney Docket Number	283-304

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other IDS Fee of \$180.00 enclosed.
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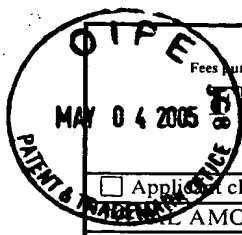
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

OVERLAP CLAIM FEE							Entity	
Fee Description							Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent							50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent							200	100
Multiple dependent claims							360	180
Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee (\$)		Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	
	- 20 or HP =		x		=		Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
HP= highest paid number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20								
Indep. Claims		Extra Claims		Fee (\$)		Fee Paid (\$)		
	- 3 or HP =		x		=			
HP =highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3								

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a) (1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 100 =	/ 50 =	(round up to a whole number) x	=	

4. OTHER FEES

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	Fees Paid (\$)
Other: RCE Fee	\$790.00

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